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Applicant : Ricci et al
Filed : February 25, 2002
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Examiner : Javier G. Blanco
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Customer No.: 27353

For: Microstructured Dual Sided Membrane for Tissue Growth and Regeneration

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.114

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated December 27, 2005, Applicants submit the Request for Continued Examination Pursuant To 37 CFR 1.114, together with a fee of \$395.00 under 1.17(e), the response to the final Office Action. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge above-referenced fee to Deposit-Account 502,557 and any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid. Further submitted is a Petition to extend the time for Response for two months from March 27, 2006 to May 27, 2006 is attached hereto. It is noted that May 27 is a Saturday and May 29 is a Federal holiday. Therefore, the due date is May 30, 2006. Kindly amend the application as follows:

Amendment to the Specification: none

Amendment to the Claims: begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendment to the Drawings: none

Remarks/Arguments begins on page 4 of this paper.

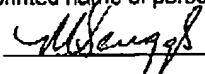
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